NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 4389-5 in re Fatent Application of C# M# ACKLEY, JR. et al. ظنGroup Art Unit: Examiner: Serial No. 10/705,821 Filed: November 13, 2003 Date: January 30, 2004 LASER UNIT, INSPECTION UNIT, METHOD FOR INSPECTING AND Title: ACCEPTING/REMOVING SPECIFIED PELLET-SHAPED ARTICLES FROM A CONVEYOR MECHANISM, AND PHARMACEUTICAL ARTICLE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 65 minus highest number \$ 0.00 previously paid for (at least 20) =65 Х Independent claims after amendment minus highest number previously paid for 0 \$ \$ 0.00 9 (at least 3) =If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$ (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ 0.00 paper and attachment(s) (\$ /1 month; \$ /2 months; \$ /3 months) Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$ \$ 0.00) Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 Applicant claims "small entity" status.

Statement filed herewith \$ Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$ 0.00 \$ Assignment Recording Fee (\$ 0.00 Other: Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449; and Second Preliminary Amendment 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 0.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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January 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows: